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Hundreds of racers, including those pictured here, took part in Saturday's Subaru Triathlon at Kelso Conservation Area. Milton's Jon Moncrieff placed third. See story for details.

Moncrieff third in his first triathlon

By **STEVE LeBLANC**
The Champion

No experience, no problem. Milton's Jon Moncrieff is no stranger to endurance racing, but before this past weekend he'd never competed in the triathlon.

That didn't seem to be much of an obstacle for him at Kelso Saturday morning. The accomplished duathlete negotiated uncharted waters — literally — in seasoned fashion on the way to placing third overall in the Milton Subaru Triathlon, which drew hundreds of top athletes from across southern Ontario.

"For my first triathlon, it was a pretty good effort," said the local competitor. "I lost some time in the swim, but it wasn't too bad. Now I know the water isn't insurmountable."

Moncrieff tamed the one-kilometre swim, 30-kilometre bike ride, eight-kilometre run course in an astounding one hour, 34 minutes and 38 seconds — eclipsing Harry Barnes' 13th place finish last year by 40 seconds.

Barnes and Tina Braam were out west this weekend at the Canadian Championships, while Carrie-Ann Nichols, Milton's top teenage triathlete, also missed the local event because of a foot



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injury.

One of the country's elite performers in the two-discipline duathlon, Moncrieff was ninth out of the water and spent the rest of the event playing catch

Still time for kids sports camp

Registrations are still being accepted for the 20th annual Milton Sports and Fitness School.

In conjunction with the Halton Sports and Fitness School, the local program will once again offer two one-week summer camps — from August 9 to 13 and August 16 to 20.

up to the frontrunners.

He moved up four spots over the cycling portion — with a solid performance, although not one of his best — and two more with a blistering run.

Moncrieff came in three-and-a-half minutes behind winner Mike Neill of Kingston, who got out to an early lead and held it the entire way.

Recalled Moncrieff, "It was quite windy in the morning and I think the swim markers drifted somewhat. He (Neill) took 15 minutes to finish the swim and that's a fairly long time for a kilometre."

In 40-49 women's age class duathlon competition, Milton's Stephanie Schouten finished second with a time of 2:08.42. Meanwhile, Milton's Anna Morris completed the triathlon in 2:12.08 and placed third in the 45-49 women's division.

More than 1,200 athletes took part in the event.

Mavs too much for the Devils

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Imagine what they could have done with a full lineup.

The Jr. B Mavericks headed into first round playoff action at John Tonelli Sports Centre Friday night minus four regulars. Chris Powless and Mike Kirk were still competing overseas while busy fulfilling work commitments were Craig Hedley and Paul Wade.

Even with depleted ranks, this summer's national hosts ran roughshod over the Wallaceburg Red Devils — annihilating them 15-3 and asserting themselves as the clear favourite for the best-of-five series.

Veteran Andrew Dowdell's dynamite goaltending and a potent powerplay gave Milton its 13th post-season win in franchise history and arguably its most convincing. Thirteen is the same number that they have lost in the playoffs since the team came to town five years ago.

Leading offensively was Kyle Imrie, who amassed four goals in his most inspired performance since joining the team last month.

"Everything was just clicking tonight for me and the team," remarked the former Mississauga Tomahawk. "This is only the beginning though. There's still got a long road ahead."

The Mavericks' sniper said he wasn't that surprised by the lopsided score — even with a fair amount of their firepower missing.

He added, "We've got productive players from top to bottom. This is a team that can afford to be short some guys and still be competitive and successful."

Friday's blowout was certainly proof of that.

Milton had all but guaranteed themselves an opening game victory long before the final frame — during which they let up a little on the scoreboard and only tallied twice.

They surrendered just one even strength goal all night and kept the Red Devils scoreless through the last 25 minutes of play.

Wallaceburg's Dostie brothers — Kevin and Francis, the top two gunners on the team — were restricted to one marker apiece.

For Milton, captain Andrew Hartholt and Cory Leigh each delivered two goals and four assists for the victors while also

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